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Davis Awards \$500,000 Grant to City of Jeffersonville for Revitalization Project

INDIANAPOLIS—Lt. Gov. Kathy Davis today awarded a \$500,000 Community Focus Fund grant to the city of Jeffersonville for revitalization of the Greenwood Apartments Public Housing Development.

The city of Jeffersonville, through the Jeffersonville Housing Authority, is proposing to revitalize the Greenwood Apartments Public Housing Development to meet the need for increased security, lower dwelling unit density, increased open space and improved appearance. The Community Focus Fund (CFF) grant will allow the city to accomplish these goals.

“Both the infrastructure of a community and its quality of life determines its ability to grow and thrive,” said Davis, who serves as the director of the Indiana Department of Commerce. “We’re pleased to support this project so that Jeffersonville can do exactly that.”

Faced with the problem of needing to improve security and, at the same time, wishing to improve the attractiveness and livability of the area, the Jeffersonville Housing Authority developed improvement proposals for the Greenwood Apartments. With the help of the CFF grant, Jeffersonville will be able to create internal parking facilities and install fencing, in addition to a host of other upgrades.

The Community Focus Fund is a federally funded grant program administered by the Indiana Department of Commerce. The funding is available to small cities, towns and counties for construction projects designed to benefit low- to moderate-income individuals or to eliminate blight in communities. Grants are awarded through competitive funding rounds to assist small communities in long-term development projects.

Projects eligible for CFF grants include local infrastructure improvements, childcare facilities, senior and community centers, downtown revitalization and fire stations and fire trucks. Up to \$500,000 is available per applicant. A match of at least 10 percent is required from the grant recipient.

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In this, the second round of funding for 2004, 37 Hoosier communities shared in nearly \$15 million in funding.

For more information about the CFF grant program, contact the Office of Community Assistance in the Community Development Division of the Indiana Department of Commerce at 800.824.2476 or access its Web site at www.indianacommerce.com.

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